

State of Alaska
FY2008 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Law
Office of the Attorney General
Component Budget Summary

Component: Office of the Attorney General

Contribution to Department's Mission

Article III, section 25, of the Alaska Constitution provides that the governor appoints the head of each principal department, including the attorney general, subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature in joint session, and that the head of each principal department serves at the pleasure of the governor.

AS 44.23.010 names the attorney general as the principal executive officer of the Department of Law. In this role, the Attorney General provides leadership and policy direction to the department in its comportsment of its mission to provide legal services to state government and to prosecute crime.

AS 44.23.020 states that the “attorney general is the legal advisor of the governor and other state officers.”

Core Services

The Attorney General is the principal executive officer of the Alaska Department of Law. In this role the Attorney General is responsible for both the legal and the administrative aspects of the department's operations. This component supports the Attorney General and immediate staff to carry out statutorily defined functions.

The Attorney General serves as legal advisor for the governor and other state officers. In addition, the Attorney General is responsible for representing the state in all civil actions to which it is a party; prosecuting all cases involving violation of state law; administering state legal services, including furnishing written legal opinions and giving advice on laws or proposed legislation; drafting legal instruments for the state; and bringing, prosecuting, and defending all necessary actions in the name of the state for the collection of revenue. The Attorney General serves as a trustee on both the Permanent Fund Board and the Exxon Valdez Trustee Council. The Attorney General is a member of the National Association of Attorneys General and serves on their executive committee, as on of their representatives to the Council on State Governments, and acts as their Supreme Court Liaison. The Attorney General is also a member of the Conference of Western Attorneys General. The Attorney General is co-chair of the Rural Justice Commission of Alaska along with the U.S. Attorney. The Attorney General is chair of the Alaska-Alberta Bilateral Council and is a member of the Stranded Gas Act Negotiating team.

Core Services include:

Protect the interests of Alaska citizens and the resources of the state by ensuring that effective, high-quality legal services are provided to state agencies and officers.

Prosecute those who violate state laws.

Assist law enforcement agencies with criminal investigations by providing legal and tactical advice.

Enhance oversight of the department's Indian Law work.

Enhance oversight of the department's oil and gas work.

Reduce fraud in benefit programs.

Represent and defend the state in legal actions.

Implement the Executive Branch Ethics Act.

Manage the department's resources effectively and efficiently to provide support for the work of the department's employees.

Participate actively in interdepartmental efforts to improve government services to Alaskans.

FY2008 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2008 Component Budget: \$536,200

Personnel:

| | |
|--------------|----------|
| Full time | 3 |
| Part time | 0 |
| Total | 3 |

Key Component Challenges

See key component challenges at the Department level.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2008

See changes in results delivered at the department level.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2006

Accomplishments are shown at the Department level.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 44.23.020

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**Office of the Attorney General
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars shown in thousands

| | FY2006 Actuals | FY2007 Management Plan | FY2008 Governor |
|--------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Non-Formula Program: | | | |
| Component Expenditures: | | | |
| 71000 Personal Services | 333.0 | 342.6 | 393.7 |
| 72000 Travel | 45.0 | 20.6 | 20.6 |
| 73000 Services | 166.3 | 101.0 | 101.0 |
| 74000 Commodities | 22.2 | 10.9 | 10.9 |
| 75000 Capital Outlay | 0.0 | 10.0 | 10.0 |
| 77000 Grants, Benefits | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 78000 Miscellaneous | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Expenditure Totals | 566.5 | 485.1 | 536.2 |
| Funding Sources: | | | |
| 1004 General Fund Receipts | 566.5 | 485.1 | 536.2 |
| Funding Totals | 566.5 | 485.1 | 536.2 |

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2007 Management Plan to FY2008 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

| | <u>General Funds</u> | <u>Federal Funds</u> | <u>Other Funds</u> | <u>Total Funds</u> |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| FY2007 Management Plan | 485.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 485.1 |
| Adjustments which will continue current level of service: | | | | |
| -FY 08 Health Insurance Increases for Exempt Employees | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 |
| Proposed budget increases: | | | | |
| -FY 08 Retirement Systems Rate Increases | 50.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50.5 |
| FY2008 Governor | 536.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 536.2 |

**Office of the Attorney General
Personal Services Information**

| Authorized Positions | | Personal Services Costs | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| <u>FY2007</u> | | | | |
| | <u>Management</u> | <u>FY2008</u> | | |
| | <u>Plan</u> | <u>Governor</u> | | |
| | | | Annual Salaries | 238,475 |
| Full-time | 3 | 3 | Premium Pay | 0 |
| Part-time | 0 | 0 | Annual Benefits | 160,865 |
| Nonpermanent | 0 | 0 | <i>Less 1.41% Vacancy Factor</i> | (5,640) |
| | | | Lump Sum Premium Pay | 0 |
| Totals | 3 | 3 | Total Personal Services | 393,700 |

Position Classification Summary

| Job Class Title | Anchorage | Fairbanks | Juneau | Others | Total |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Commissioner | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Exec Secretary III | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Spec Asst To The Comm II | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Totals | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 |